



Skjolden - at the end of Norway's longest fjord. Photo: Karlis Bremers

# SKJOLDEN

## Gateway to the national parks

The charming village of Skjolden is called the gateway to the national parks due to the short distance to no less than three of the most important national parks - Jotunheimen, Breheimen and Jostedalbreen. The village is also nestled between Northern Europe's highest mountain pass, Sognefjellet (1,434 m.a.s.l.), and the spectacular Jostedal Glacier - the largest glacier on the European mainland. Skjolden is also home to Urnes Stave Church, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The approach is by the picturesque Lustrafjord - the innermost branch of Norway's longest and deepest fjord - the Sognefjord. The fjord is emerald green because of the melting water from the glaciers. Beautiful villages and lush cultural landscapes await along the shoreline on your journey.

### ATTRACTIONS/EXCURSIONS

#### Jotunheimen National Park & Sognefjellet

National Scenic Route  
Distance: 1 km - 80 km  
Norway's first national scenic route, the Sognefjellet Mountain Road (Route 55) through Skjolden and the Jotunheimen National Park, is the highest and most impressive mountain pass in Northern Europe. Explore spectacular and wild mountain scenery on the "Roof of Norway", including alpine peaks, glaciers, lakes and waterfalls, and view Scandinavia's highest mountains at close range!

#### Jostedalbreen National Park, Jostedal Glacier & Nigardsbreen Glacier

Distance: 65 km  
The impressive Nigardsbreen Glacier in Jostedalbreen National Park can be viewed at close range in Jostedal. This very spectacular branch of the Jostedal

glacier is one of the most accessible glacier arms where you also can join guided glacier walks for the whole family. You can also visit the National Park Centre, Breheimsenteret, to explore the exhibitions.

#### UNESCO World Heritage - Urnes Stave Church

Distance: 30 km  
Urnes Stave Church is a designated UNESCO World Heritage site, as well as Norway's oldest stave church, and known for its unique architecture. It is located in an idyllic setting by the Lustrafjord at the end of the Romantic Road between Skjolden and Urnes. There is also a small café, deer farm, and visitors' centre next to the church, and guided tours are offered every day during the summer season.

#### Breheimen National Park & Mørkridd Valley

Distance: 10 km  
The nature in Breheimen National Park ranges from green valleys to powerful rivers and big glaciers. The

area is essential in the protection of endangered species of certain birds and plants, and offers good opportunities for hiking, skiing and climbing. Mørkridd valley starts from Skjolden and leads you into Breheimen National Park. The road into the valley is 8.5 km and is ideal for a walk or a biking tour.

#### Feigefossen waterfall

Distance: 16 km  
Feigefossen is one of Norway's highest waterfalls, and the free fall of 218 m can be seen from the fjord, the Romantic Road and the National Scenic Route. There are also many other amazing waterfalls close to Skjolden, such as:  
Åsafossen waterfall - 3 km from Skjolden  
Drivande waterfall - 8 km from Skjolden



Nigards Glacier. Photo: Sverre Hjørnevik, www.fjordnorway.com

#### Sengaberget Viewpoint

Distance: 2.5 km  
Sengaberget is the name of Skjolden's most visited viewpoint. It offers outstanding views of the fjord, the Eide lake and the village.

#### Helicopter flights

Experience the fjord and national parks from the air. No other place in Norway can offer such magnificent changing scenery in such a short time.

#### RIB boat tours

Distance: 0.7 km  
Experience the magnificent Lustrafjord, surrounded by steep mountains and waterfalls. The tours take you on an unforgettable guided expedition in a secure and rigid inflatable boat (RIB).

#### Llama safari

Distance: 1.5 km  
Visit on a Norwegian farm and take a guided llama walk in Skjolden. The farm grows raspberries and has large flocks of both llamas and sheep.

#### Wittgenstein's cottage

Distance: 3 km  
The Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889-1951) was



UNESCO Urnes stave church. Photo: Terje Rakke Nordic Life AS

one of the greatest philosophers of the 20th century. He had a cottage in Skjolden where he worked for several years. The cottage was rebuilt in 2018.

#### From authentic West to authentic East

Distance: 83 km  
The Sognefjellet scenic route from Skjolden runs across the "roof of Norway" to the friendly village of Lom in the Gudbrandsdalen Valley, which is known for being an authentic and well preserved eastern Norwegian village.

#### The Ice Tunnel

Distance: 76 km  
50 m into the ice - 6,000 years back in time. Learn about climate change, wildlife and humans living in the highlands in this carved ice tunnel.

#### The Romantic Road

Distance: 0-32 km  
The road from Skjolden to Urnes is called the Romantic Road. It carries a long history as it took almost 70 years to finish and is truly special when you travel as a cyclist.

#### Safthuset - factory museum & village store

Distance: 10 km  
Safthuset is the old, restored jam and juice factory at



Jotunheimen National Park & Sognefjellet. Photo: Torunn Kjøk

Sørheim where the famous jam and juice producing company, Lerum, started its production.

#### Bicycle, e-bike, kayak and SUP rentals

Distance: 0.7 km

#### Other amazing attractions

- Kaupanger Stave Church (from 1150)
- Dale Stone Church (from 1200)
- Gaupne Old Church (part of old stave church)
- Jostedal Power Station
- Sogn Folk Museum (open-air museum)
- Sogn Fjord Museum (boat collections)
- Several art galleries and monuments
- Fantastic viewpoints

Skjolden can offer a huge variety of guided outdoor activities for the whole family. Professional guides give you the opportunity to experience glacier walks at all levels, as well as mountain hiking, kayaking among icebergs on glacier lakes, kayaking on the fjord, canyoning, rafting, boat trips and more. A beach volleyball court, football field, climbing wall and souvenir shops are also available in Skjolden.

### PORT OF SKJOLDEN

Position: Lat: 61.48159 Lon: 7.59222  
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VHF: Channel 16/12  
Distance to village centre: 1 km

### DOCKING INFORMATION

Landing largest ship: Independence of the Seas  
Tidal movement: 1.5 m  
Terminal contact: Halvard Johan Bolstad, ass. hamnesjef, +47 971 39 222, [halvard@skjolden.info](mailto:halvard@skjolden.info)

### PORT SERVICES

Waste landing: Yes, on request.  
Crew facilities: Use of cruise ship terminal with Wi-Fi and WC.

### SECURITY & ENVIRONMENT

Fenced terminals (ISPS)  
Security service: Yes, on request  
Grey water: Yes, on request  
Max ships per day: 3  
Max pax per day: Unlimited

### ANCHORAGE

Max GT: N/A  
Type of bottom: Mud  
Minimum depth: Approx. 40 m  
Distance from anchorage to tender pier: 400 m

### TOURIST INFORMATION

Visiting address: Skjolden Hotel, N-6876 Skjolden  
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Distance from port: 1.2 km



Quay	Water depth	Length	Height	Fenders	Shore Power	Grey Water	Max Ship size
Skjolden Cruise Pier	13.5 m	127.5 m	Unlimited	Yokohama, 2.4 m	-	-	400 m
Skjolden Hydro Pier	5 m	51 m	Unlimited	Truck tyres	-	-	On request
Skjolden Tender Pier	4 m	36 m	Unlimited	-	-	-	-

